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we're going to be here anyway. And maybe he's looking further down the line at a bill that he doesn't want to come up. So I am the last one to object to him offering this amendment through Senator Quandahl, or Senator Quandahl offering 1,000 amendments this bill. What difference does it make which bill the work Do you see how quickly Senator Wickersham, is done on? especially Senator Quandahl got off this North Carolina Attorney General's opinion when I pointed out that it relates to Congress Senator Wickersham didn't even read the building a prison? paper, the amendment... I mean, the opinion. But it fit so well with what he was trying to tell us the other day about unconstitutionality of this bill, that he just swallowed it hook, line, and sinker, and said, look what the Attorney General of North Carolina wrote. And I did, and he's talking about powers of Congress. I don't think anybody in the Legislature of Nebraska is dumb enough to think that the state can prohibit Congress from doing something. So it shows the kind of people they have in the Legislature in North Carolina. And it also shows something about the lack of intelligence that Moylan thinks exists in this Legislature, because he can send an opinion dealing with trying to prohibit Congress from doing something that Congress obviously has the power to do. And this bill does not relate to any powers of Congress. If we stay on this bill, what difference does it really make? I'm sure those who are interested in ethanol don't care. They've gone through lot already. So what if they don't get to it till next year? They'll be on Final Reading, so they'll have a chance to do that. Senator Smith will have his way on LB 215. We won't read it today. LB 357, judges' salary, I haven't opposed it, but I'm not too keen on it. So if my friends, Senator Quandahl and Senator Wickersham, are setting the tone, I'm willing to join them, and I will give the same disclaimer. I'm not intending to unduly delay proceedings. And I will not be unduly delaying proceedings. I will be duly doing that which I think ought to do in a duly fashion. But it is always interesting to me how a lawyer, a lawyer lacks pride to such an extent that he will bring us something like this opinion from the North Carolina Attorney General. Maybe Senator Quandahl knows this fellow and maybe he's a legal scholar. Maybe he's keeping a low profile awaiting his appointment to be a U.S. Supreme Court justice. I just don't know him or her. But looking at the work product, if